the Churches, & which promises to do much good.

You need not expect any thing from Dickinson, of the kind you mention. His health is not robust, & he is fixed in his determination not to enter any field of responsibility. Moreover such is his peculiar temperament & nervousness, that he would break down in a month, if much labor, or care were placed on him.

I have a thousand things which I wish to say to you, but have no time nor room. I hope I shall be in New York, early in the Spring.

Yours truly

G. W. Perkins,

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Morrison, Feb. 1, 46.

Meriden Feb 7th. 1866.

Dear Sir.

The instant I set eyes on Dr. Bacon's article, I said, "Dr. Phelps must reply" — & actually was on the point of writing to you, by the way of spur. ~~I should~~ When I read your note, My fingers itched to get hold of my pen: but second thoughts, convinced me that it would not do. I was not present at the Brooklyn meeting, I could not speak so confidently of the positions & course taken by the brethren there: — & I should have the appearance of thrusting myself into a controversy with which I had no business. Now of these objections would lie against your appearance in the field: Moreover, your own positions & course are assailed, and it will look singular if you do not come forward. I consider it then settled that you must take the matter in hand, & do it justice.

My health has been remarkably good this winter, & I have been quite an A. S. missionary in the neighbouring towns. Just now I am delivering a course of A. S. lectures on Sab. evenings in Middletown, of which, notice is given in all